Animal Farm Assignment Q4 & Q5

Q4

Write a description of one of the following, Old Major, Boxer, Benjamin, or Mollie.

Benjamin:

Benjamin, a donkey, is one of Orwell's most intriguing characters on Animal Farm. He is described as rather unchanged since the revolution. He still works the same way, never becoming too exited or too disappointed about anything. Benjamin explains, "Donkeys live a long time. None of you has ever seen a dead donkey." Benjamin is the only animal who doesn't seem to have expected anything positive from the revolution. The only time he seems to care about the others was when Boxer was carried off in the glue truck. After the animals forgot Jones and their past lives, Benjamin still remembers everything.

Q5

The animal characters are used to satirise aspects of human behavior. Choose one character from Chapter 1 and explain how the animals’ behavior ridicules human behaviour.

Old Major is the first vital character described in Animal Farm. He represents an important part of the animals, and without him the story may not have taken place at all. Old Major’s executed name was Willingdon Beauty, and he was much respected by the animals. He could be called treated like a god. The animals all looked up to him, and with this buoyancy, Old Major spoke of a dream for rebellion, thus inspiring many intelligent animals, such as the pigs, of particular, Snowball and Napoleon. Old Major mostly represents Karl Marx, who was a very influential socialist thinker.